Utilizations of funds meant for STs and weaker sections

†414. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to various States during the last three years for different schemes formulated for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and weaker sections of the society and the amount actually utilized out of such allocation; and

(b) the reasons for not utilizing the allocated amount?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Statements giving details of funds released and utilized under different schemes for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Weaker Sections of the Society in last three years are given in the * Annexure. [See Appendix 203. Annexure No. 5] The reasons for not utilizing the released amount in a particular year differ from State to State and Scheme to Scheme. However, the unutilized amounts are adjusted in the releases in the next financial year.

Elimination of manual scavenging of human wastes

415. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis (NCSK) has submitted any special report on the status of implementation of the constitutional directive on elimination of manual scavenging of human wastes;

(b) the States where this directive is currently enforced;

(c) the States where this directive is yet to be implemented; and

(d) whether the Centre has set any deadline in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information available with the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and all the UTs have adopted the Employment of Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohitbition) Act, 1993.

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(d) The 1993 Act has not set any deadline. The Government have prepared an Action Plan for the eradication of Manual Scavenging by December, 2007.

Welfare of destitute people

†416. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government to NGOs for the welfare of destitute people during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that out of these NGOs many of them never existed in past nor do exist even at present;

(c) if so, the details of such organizations and the quantum of financial assistance provided to them alongwith the dates when such assistance was provided; and

(d) the details of the destitute people in the country State-wise and number of people benefited by these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' for children who are destitute and without the care and support of their families. Also for Older Persons, old age homes and medical services are provided under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons. Grant-in-aid released under these schemes in the last three years is as under:

Name of the Scheme	Rupees in Crore		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Upto November, 2004)
An Integrated Progamme for Street Children	11.00	9.90	5.81
An Integrated Programme for Older Persons	16.50	15.84	6.75

(b) and (c) Assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations is released only on the basis of satisfactory inspection report being received from respective State Government/nodal agency. No instance of misutilisation of grant-in-aid released under these schemes has come to notice in the last three years.

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